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SUBJECT: FINNISH VIEWS ON POLITICAL TRENDS IN THE UNITED
NATIONS

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1. USUN WAS INTERESTED TO LEARN OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED
BY FINNISH UN AMBASSADOR ILKKA PASTINEN TO ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MAYNES ABOUT FINNISH PERCEPTIONS OF SO-CALLED
NEW POLITICAL TRENDS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, TO WIT, A
GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT POSITION BY POLAND
AND THE COALESCENCE OF ANEW COALITION COMPOSED OF ANGOLA,
MOZAMBIQUE, CUBA AND VIET NAM. THESE SAME OBSERVATIONS
HAVE ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED BY PASTINEN TO A MISSION OFFICER
AT USUN. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT SHARE THESE PERCEPTIONS.

2. WITH REGARD TO POLAND, WE HAVE NOTED THAT PASTINEN
HAS ADMITTED TO BOTH MAYNES AND OURSELVES THAT HE HAS NOT
"RESEARCHED THIS ISSUE CLOSELY." THE ONLY POSSIBLE
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RECENT ACTIONS BY THE POLES WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED
AS FOLLOWING AN INDEPENDENT LINE FROM THE SOVIETS
OCCURRED IN AN ECOSOC MEETING WHEN THE POLISH DELEGATION
ABSENTED ITSELF ON AN ISSUE IN WHICH THE SOVIETS
ABSTAINED. THIS, HOWEVER, IN OUR OPINION WOULD BE
STRAINING FOR A ROSEATE VISION OF A FISSURE IN WHAT
TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES STILL REMAINS THE SOVIET

BLOC AT THE UNITED NATIONS. INDEED, AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN BLOC IN THE HOVEYDA GROUP WHICH HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING THE TEXT OF A DECLARATION ON DETENTE IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE, POLAND HAS SHOWN NO SIGN OF DEVIATING IN ANY WAY FROM THE SOVIET DELEGATION. IN OUR OPINION POLAND REMAINS A CONFORT-ABLE AND LOYAL MEMBER OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN BLOC AT THE UN.

3. SIMILARLY, WE HAVE NOTED NO SIGNS THAT ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, CUBA AND VIETNAM ARE COMING TOGETHER AS A "NEW COALITION". IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT VIET NAM, AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE UN. AND ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE AS RELATIVELY NEW MEMBERS, SEEK CUBA'S GUIDANCE ON VARIOUS PROCEDURAL MATTERS. THIS WOULD BE QUITE NORMAL SINCE THE CUBAN DELEGATION HERE IS EXPERIENCED AND ACTIVE. IT IS COMMONLY PERCEIVED, EXPECIALLY BY WATCHFUL ASEAN OBSERVERS, THAT VIETNAM IS GRADUALLY LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE UN. ON MOST ISSUES, INCLUDING COLONIAL AND OTHER AFRICAN PROBLEMS, VIETHAMESE NATURAL INCLINATIONS LEAD IT INTO HARMONY WITH SUCH DELS AS MOZAMBIUE AND ANGOLA. CUBA'S POSTURE, OF COURSE, USUALLY MOVES IT IN THE SAME DIREC-TION. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE, HOWEVER, THAT THESE FOUR ARE OPERATING IN CONCERT, CERTAINLY NOT IN A FASHION THAT WOULD MODIFY MORE FUNDAMENTAL LINKS WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL

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